

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Newbrook, Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioners Dias, Pearson, Sylvester, Walker, Burlingame and Blackburn. Commissioners Richard, Jackson and Jasparro were absent. Also present were Executive Director Thomas B. Coffey, Jr. and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.

The following cases were heard.

APPEAL #130051: Mr. Jorge Orellana, for the property located at 1938 Westminster Street, Providence. ADSFM Keith Maine appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the Providence Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of a new fire alarm system in this facility and an additional 150 days to implement that plan, with the Providence Fire Marshal's Office authorized to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #130052: Camp JORI, for the property located at 1065 Worden's Pond Road, South Kingstown. ADSFM Robert Emmott appeared for the Union Fire District Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner

Burlingame, to reaffirm a previous variance (File #020093) granted by the Board. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #130044: Administrator Mary Beth Daigneault, for the property located at 309 Spring Street, Newport. DSFM Robert Couture appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. ADSFM Wayne Clark appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Pearson and Dias, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the State Fire Marshal's Office for the upgrades to be made to the existing fire alarm system and additional 150 days to implement that plan. The Board also granted the Applicant a time variance of two (2) years to have a fully compliant sprinkler system installed in this facility. The Board authorized the State Fire Marshal's Office to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion passed.

APPEAL #130045: Mr. Raymond Gomes, for the property located at 2 Goat Island, Newport. ADSFM Wayne Clark and ADSFM Christopher Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to grant the Applicant's request for a variance to allow the installation of a temporary tent located next to

Island House, with the Applicant providing a limited occupancy load on first floor of 299 people and the second floor having a limited occupancy load of forty-nine (49) people. The Board advised the Applicant as part of their request for relief the Applicant must provide the temporary tent with double egress width, and fire extinguishers approved by the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. The motion passed.

APPEAL #130038: Mr. Thomas O'Loughlin, for the property located at 87 Washington Street, Newport. ADSFM Christopher Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Burlingame made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairperson Filippi, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the Newport Fire Marshal's Office for the secondary means of escape from the third floor apartment and an additional ninety (90) days to implement that plan. The Board also granted the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the Newport Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of a fire alarm system in this facility and an additional 150 days to implement that plan. The Board authorized the Newport Fire Marshal's Office to extend that above timelines, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #130040: Mr. Raymond Meyerson, for the property located at 199 Spring Street, Newport. DSFM Paul Manning appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. ADSFM Christopher Mahoney and ADSFM Wayne Clark appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office.

Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias, to table this case until June 18, 2013 to allow the Applicant to prepare a plan of action with the State Fire Marshal's Office and the Newport Fire Marshal's Office and return to the Board with that plan of action. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #130040: Mr. Raymond Meyerson, for the property located at 205 Spring Street, Newport. DSFM Paul Manning appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. ADSFM Christopher Mahoney and ADSFM Wayne Clark appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias, to table this case until June 18, 2013 to allow the Applicant to prepare a plan of action with the State Fire Marshal's Office and the Newport Fire Marshal's Office and return to the Board with that plan of action. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #130041: Mr. Raymond Meyerson, for the property located at 41 Pelham Street, Newport. DSFM Paul Manning appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. ADSFM Christopher Mahoney and ADSFM Wayne Clark appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias, to table this case until June 18, 2013 to allow the Applicant to prepare a plan of action with the State Fire Marshal's Office and the Newport Fire Marshal's Office and return to the Board with that plan of action. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #130060: Roosevelt International Academy, for the property located at 180 George M Cohan Boulevard, Providence. ADSFM Susan Hawksley appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Chairman Newbrook recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester to grant a variance to allow the Applicant to provide a minimum of 105 square feet per person in the designated sleeping area. The Board was advised that this facility is fully sprinklered and has a municipally connected fire alarm system. The Board also granted the Applicant a variance to allow egress through classroom 408. As a condition of this variance, the Board directs the Applicant to immediately remove all locks and locking devices from the door of classroom 408 with a dedicated exit access route approve by the Providence Fire Marshal's Office before this room is allowed to be maintained as classroom. The Applicant shall have the option of establishing room 408 as a student lounge without the necessity of either marking or constructing a dedicated exit access route. The Board granted the Applicant a variance to allow an approved new perforated metal ramp and an approved perforated exterior metal stair as an emergency means of egress from the fifth floor of the business Office's roof top. The Board further granted the Applicant a variance not to cover the above emergency exit ramp and stairs upon the Applicant's agreement to properly maintain the above emergency egress free of all snow and ice and with limited occupancy of ten (10) people. The Board directed the Applicant to reduce the occupancy load on the terrace of the fourth floor to less than fifty (50) people and

to provide all required safeguards for this area, which must be approved by the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. The motion passed with Commissioner Burlingame opposing the vote.

Respectfully submitted

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